

## ILP Newsletter - April 2026

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*We're delighted to share our first newsletter with you, bringing together the latest news and updates from our partners and projects around the world. If you know others who would enjoy our updates, please do share this newsletter and invite them to [subscribe](#).*



I'm delighted to share our [2025 Annual Report](#) with you all, providing an overview of ILP's latest work and testament to the dedicated work of our team and our pro bono volunteers over the last year.

You will see that, in 2025, our work continued to grow, deploying [408 volunteers across 91 countries and 146 projects](#). This amounts to nearly [8000 hours of pro bono support](#) – close to [£6 million of pro bono assistance](#).

For [every £1 donated, we provide £40 worth of pro bono support](#). More updates on the impact of our work are available [below](#).

We also bring you updates from across our [programme areas](#), some recent publications from ILP and our collaborators, some insights into the ways we support our partners, and details on how you can get involved.

We hope you enjoy reading this first update from International Lawyers Project, as we recap a record-breaking 2025 for our impact, and a busy start to 2026!

Lucy Claridge  
Executive Director, International Lawyers Project

## [Latest News:](#)

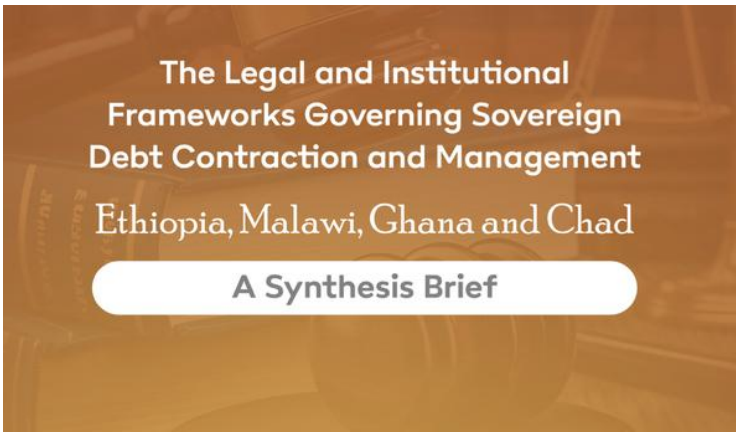


### [African Court Advisory Opinion on the human rights obligations of African states in the context of climate change](#)

In the past two years, three major international courts - the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the [International Court of Justice](#) - have issued landmark rulings on climate change and state obligations under international law.

Building on this momentum, our partner the Pan African Lawyers Union submitted a petition to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in May 2025, requesting an Advisory Opinion on the human rights obligations of African states in the context of climate change. The African Court is now accepting *amicus curiae* briefs in connection with its forthcoming Advisory Opinion: this means organisations with relevant expertise can make legal submissions to the Court to inform these crucial proceedings. ILP is assisting 4 partners with their *amicus curiae* submissions, which will cover issues ranging from Indigenous Peoples' rights to the human rights obligations of States to compensate for loss and damage resulting from climate change. We will share more about this landmark case as things develop.

[Read more:](#)



### Improving Sovereign Debt Contraction and Management

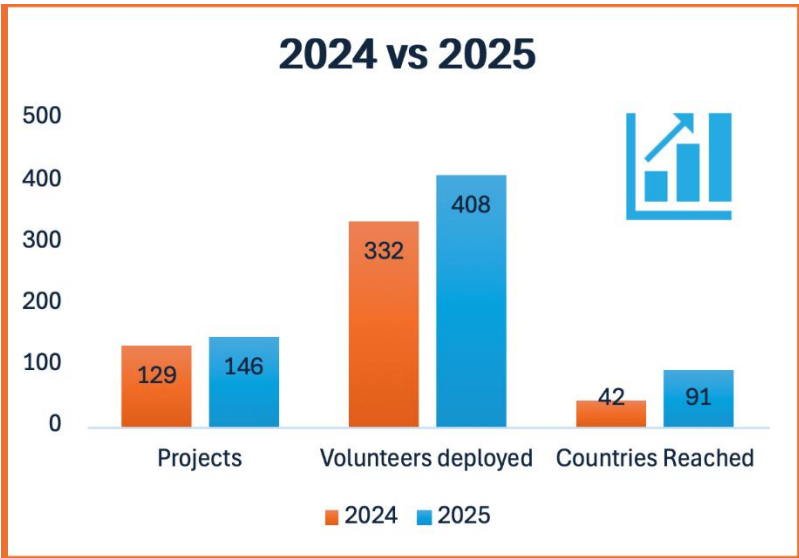
Together with our partner [African Forum and Network on Debt and Development \(AFRODAD\)](#) and a team of pro bono lawyers, ILP has developed a series of studies examining the legal and institutional frameworks that govern the process of taking on debt and managing it in Malawi, Ghana, and Ethiopia, as well as a synthesis report that highlights emerging trends.

Read the reports:

#### [ILP Annual Report 2025](#)

With the rule of law increasingly under threat across the world, it is perhaps no surprise that there was a significant growth in the need for ILP’s services in 2025.

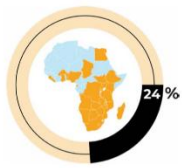
We engaged with more projects across more countries, deploying more volunteers in 2025.



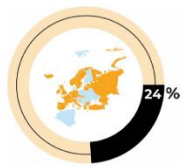
In 2025, 72% of ILP's work supported projects in the Global South



Cases in Central and South America



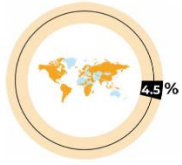
Cases in Africa



Cases in Europe



Cases in Asia



Multijurisdictional Cases



Cases in North America



Cases in Oceania

We worked with NGOs, community groups and governments in 2025



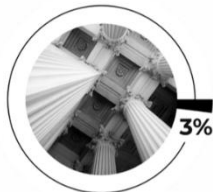
Non-Government Organisations



Media



Community Groups



Government



Individual

## Key publications

[How to Combat Environmental Harms with Anti-Corruption Measures](#)



[Negotiations of the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation and its Protocols](#)



[Strengthening the Ogiek People's capacity for Community Land Management](#)



Watch our video, produced as part of ILP's 20th Anniversary in collaboration with A&O Shearman, highlighting our partnership throughout the years.

[International Lawyers Project: 20th Anniversary Video](#)

[Spotlight: Meet Our new Trustees](#)

We're pleased to welcome two new trustees to our Board.



[Steve Schulman](#)



[Daniela Ikawa](#)

Daniela and Steven bring valuable skills and experience to ILP, providing strategic advice to [our staff](#) as they assist partners to create long-lasting change.

We greatly value the contributions of all our [Board members at ILP](#).

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## Ways to get involved:

### **Partner with us:**



None of our work would be possible without the valuable support of our legal volunteers.

ILP offers a range of pro bono volunteer opportunities from desk-based research and analysis, to more demanding activities, such as in-country training and workshops with government officials and civil society organisations to strengthen their skills and knowledge.

If you are an experienced lawyer, with expertise in one or more of our focus areas and are keen to support sustainable development initiatives pro bono, we would like to [hear from you](#).

### **Work with us:**

#### **[Legal Fellowship: 2026 – 2027](#)**

Our Legal Fellowship is a valuable opportunity for recent law graduates to gain valuable legal skills and experience with an international NGO working with top global law firms and partners across the world.

Applications for our 2026/27 Legal Fellowship will open in **June 2026** – we will include details on how to apply in our next newsletter; keep an eye on our [website](#) / [LinkedIn](#) for further updates.

**Know someone who might be interested?** Send them details when applications open, or consider encouraging them to [subscribe to our newsletter](#).



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